



## ON FIXED POINTS OF STRICTLY POSITIVE NONLINEAR STOCHASTIC OPERATORS ON A ONE-DIMENSIONAL SIMPLEX

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### Abstract

*In this paper, we consider the fixed points of strictly positive nonlinear stochastic operators on the one-dimensional simplex. Theorems for the number of fixed points of strictly positive nonlinear stochastic operators are proved.*

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Nonlinear equations arise in many problems of modern mathematical physics, genetics and technology. A special role in this case is played by the theory of fixed points of nonlinear operators. It is known that the number and location of fixed points, cycles and the limiting behavior of orbits determine the qualitative behavior of a dynamic system. Note that interest in the theory of nonlinear stochastic operators on the simplex is due to its relevance in problems of population genetics [1]. There are numerous publications on the study of the properties and characters of fixed points of quadratic stochastic operators defined on the simplex [2-3]. The works [4-6] are devoted to the study of cubic operators on a finite-dimensional simplex.

In this paper we study fixed points of strictly positive stochastic operator of degree four on a one-dimensional simplex.

Let  $E = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ . By the  $(m-1)$ -simplex we mean the set

$$S^{m-1} = \left\{ x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in R^m : x_i \geq 0, \forall i \in E, \sum_{i=1}^m x_i = 1 \right\}.$$

Let us denote by  $S_{>}^{m-1}$  inside of the simplex  $S^{m-1}$ , i.e.

$$S_{>}^{m-1} = \left\{ x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in R^m : x_i > 0, \forall i \in E, \sum_{i=1}^m x_i = 1 \right\}.$$

Each element  $x \in S^{m-1}$  is a probability measure on  $E$ , and so it may be looked upon as the state of a biological (physical and so on) system of  $m$  elements.

**Definition 1 [7].** An arbitrary continuous operator  $C_4$  defined on the simplex  $S^{m-1}$  will be called stochastic if

$$(C_n x)_k = x'_k = \sum_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n=1}^m P_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n, k} x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \dots x_{i_n}, \quad \forall k = \overline{1, m},$$

where

$$P_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n, k} > 0, \quad \forall i_j = \overline{1, m}, \quad j = \overline{1, n}, \quad k = \overline{1, m};$$

$$P_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n, k} = P_{i_{\pi(1)} i_{\pi(2)} \dots i_{\pi(n)}, k}, \quad k = \overline{1, m},$$

for every permutation  $\pi$  and

$$\sum_{k=1}^m P_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_n, k} = 1, \quad \forall i_j = \overline{1, m}, \quad j = \overline{1, n}.$$

Recall that the stochastic operator maps the simplex onto itself. In Definition 1, the number  $n$  is called the order (degree) of the stochastic operator. When  $n=1$  operator  $C_n$  is called the linear stochastic operator, when  $n=2$  it is called the quadratic stochastic operator, and when  $n=3$  it is called the cubic stochastic operator.

**IN THE CASE  $n=4, m=2$**

We consider following  $C_4 : R^2 \rightarrow R^2$  strictly positive stochastic operator of degree four in the domain of  $S^1$  :

$$C_4(x_1, x_2) = \left( \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^2 P_{ijkl,1} x_i x_j x_k x_l, \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^2 P_{ijkl,2} x_i x_j x_k x_l \right)$$

where

$$P_{1112,m} = P_{1121,m} = P_{1211,m} = P_{2111,m}, \quad P_{1122,m} = P_{1221,m} = P_{1212,m} = P_{2121,m} = P_{2112,m} = P_{2211,m},$$

$$P_{2221,m} = P_{2112,m} = P_{2122,m} = P_{1222,m}, \quad 0 < P_{ijkl,m} < 1, \quad \sum_{m=1}^2 P_{ijkl,m} = 1, \quad \forall i, j, k, l, m \in E = \{1, 2\}.$$

The problem considered in this paper is to find sufficient conditions for the number of fixed points in the one-dimensional simplex of the stochastic operator  $C_4$ .

Denote by  $FixC_4$  the set of all fixed points of the operator  $C_4$ , i.e.

$$FixC_4 = \{\omega \in S^1 : C_4 \omega = \omega\}.$$

We put following:

$$\mu_0 = P_{1111,1} - 4P_{1112,1} + 6P_{1122,1} - 4P_{1222,1} + P_{2222,1},$$

$$\mu_1 = 4P_{1112,1} - 12P_{1122,1} + 12P_{1222,1} - 4P_{2222,1}, \quad \mu_2 = 6P_{1122,1} - 12P_{1222,1} + 6P_{2222,1},$$

$$\mu_3 = 4P_{1222,1} - 4P_{2222,1} - 1, \quad \mu_4 = P_{2222,1}$$

and denote polynomial of order four, i.e.

$$P_4(x) = \mu_0 x_1^4 + \mu_1 x_1^3 + \mu_2 x_1^2 + \mu_3 x_1 + \mu_4.$$

**Lemma 1.** The number of roots the polynomial  $P_4(x)$  on  $(0,1)$  is equal to the number of fixed point of the stochastic operator  $C_4$  on  $S^1$ .

**Proof.** It is easy to see that for all  $\omega_0 = (x_1^0, x_2^0) \in \text{Fix}C_4$  we have  $C_4\omega_0 = \omega_0$ . We get  $P_4(x_1^0) = 0$  by using equality  $x_1^0 + x_2^0 = 1$ , i.e., the point  $x_1^0$  is root of the polynomial  $P_4(x)$  on  $(0,1)$ .

Let the point  $x_0$  is root of the polynomial  $P_4(x)$  on  $(0,1)$ . Then the point  $\omega_0 = (x_0, 1 - x_0)$  is solution of the equation  $C_4\omega = \omega$ .

**Lemma 2.** The polynomial  $P_4(x)$  has at least one root in the interval  $(0,1)$ .

**Proof.** It is easy to see that the inequalities hold  $P_4(0) = \mu_4 = P_{222,1} > 0$ ,  $P_4(1) = P_{111,1} - 1 = -P_{111,2} < 0$ . Therefore, polynomial  $P_4(x)$  has at least one point on  $(0,1)$ .

**Consequence 1.** Operator  $C_4$  has at least one fixed point in  $S^1$ , i.e.  $|\text{Fix}C_4| \geq 1$  (where  $|A|$  -  $A$  is the power of the set).

Let us introduce the following notation:

$$p = \frac{3\mu_1^2}{16\mu_0^2} - \frac{\mu_2}{2\mu_0}, \quad q = -\frac{\mu_1\mu_2}{8\mu_0^2} + \frac{\mu_3}{4\mu_0} + \frac{\mu_1^3}{32\mu_0^3},$$

$$Q = \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2.$$

For  $Q < 0$  we define the following values:

$$\lambda_k = 2\sqrt{-\frac{p}{3}} \cos\left(\frac{\varphi + 2\pi(k-2)}{3}\right) - \frac{\mu_1}{4\mu_4}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$\cos \varphi = -\frac{q}{2} \left(-\frac{3}{p}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}, \quad 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi.$$

For convenience, we introduce the following notation:

$$\alpha = \lambda_3, \quad \beta = \lambda_1, \quad \gamma = \lambda_2.$$

## RESULTS

For the case  $\mu_0 > 0$ , theorems are given for the number of fixed points of the operator  $C_4$  in  $S^1$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mu_0 > 0$ ,  $Q < 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\gamma < 1$  be satisfied. If for the polynomial  $P_4(x)$  satisfy the following properties

$$(a) \quad P_4(\alpha) > 0,$$

$$(b) \quad P_4(\beta) < 0,$$

then operator  $C_4$  has unique fixed point in  $S^1$ , i.e.  $|Fix C_4| = 1$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\mu_0 > 0$ ,  $Q < 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\gamma < 1$ . It is known that by the property  $\mu_0 > 0$ , we have  $P_4(\pm\infty) = +\infty$ . By the property  $Q < 0$ , the numbers  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are different solutions of the equation  $P_4'(x) = 0$ . These solutions are extreme points of the function  $y = P_4(x)$ . Moreover by definition of the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , we take this  $0 < \alpha < \beta < \gamma < 1$  [8]. By the global monotonicity function  $y = P_4(x)$ , we have  $\min_{x \in [0; \beta]} P_4(x) = P_4(\alpha)$ ,  $\min_{x \in [\beta; 1]} P_4(x) = P_4(\gamma)$  and  $\max_{x \in [\alpha; \gamma]} P_4(x) = P_4(\beta)$ . By Lemma 1, to find the number of fixed points of the operator  $C_4$  in  $S^1$ , it is enough to check the roots of the polynomial  $y = P_4(x)$  in  $(0, 1)$ .

(a) Let  $P_4(\alpha) > 0$ . Then we have  $P_4(\beta) > 0$ . According to inequality  $P_4(1) < 0$ , it turns out that the value of function  $y = P_4(x)$  at point  $\gamma$  is negative, i.e.  $P_4(\gamma) < 0$ . Thus,  $y = P_4(x)$  function intersects the  $Ox$  axis at one point at  $(\beta, \gamma)$  intervals.

(b) Let  $P_4(\beta) < 0$ . We know that  $P_4(0) > 0$ ,  $P_4(1) < 0$  and  $\max_{x \in [\alpha; \gamma]} P_4(x) = P_4(\beta)$ . Then function  $y = P_4(x)$  has unique root in  $(0, \alpha)$ .

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